The said Bill has referred to the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development for examination and report. The Standing Committee presented its report to Rajya Sabha on 5-12-2001. The matter is now under consideration in Rajya Sabha.

New Anti-Anthrax Vaccine

2173. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "JNU lab could give Washington its latest weapon against terror" stating that a bio-technology Scientist Shri Bhatnagar has developed an anti-anthrax vaccine, with much less toxic effects that the one developed lately by the Pasteur Institute, which appeared in The Indian Express, dated the 4th November, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the vaccine has been finally tested for its efficacy, toxicity and side-effects; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The preparation is yet to undergo animal/clinical trial.

Potential of Ayurvedic/Herbal drugs in the international market

2174. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ayurvedic/herbal drugs have great potential in international market;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give some concessions to herbal drug industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government will give such concessions to domestic herbal drug manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Department has taken steps to augment supply of genuine raw materials lor which medicinal plants Board has been set up. Market studies and participation in fairs etc., arc supported. Laboratory facilities arc being augmented. Concessions that would apply to allopathy drugs industry may also be claimed by the ISM drugs manufacturers.

Renewing of CGHS Cards

2175. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) when were the CGHS cards last renewed;

(b) whether it is a fact that the quality of paper used in (he existing CGHS cards is poor; and

(c) by when Government propose to renew all the cards using better quality of paper ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) The information showing the year of renewal of CGHS Cards in each CGHS city is given in the statement enclosed. (Seebelow)

(b) The paper used for making the CGHS Card is of reasonably good quality and no complaint in this regard has been received so far.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Statement

(Renewal of CGHS Cards)

	Name of the CGHS City	Year of issue of Cards
1.	Ahmedabad	1998
2.	Jabalpur	1992
3.	Allahabad	2001
4.	Jaipur	1992